REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication: boylove19.jpg

Other Known Title: Not Stated

Medium: Computer Image File

Director/Author: Not Applicable

Producer/Publisher: Not Stated

Country of Origin: Not Stated

Language: Not Applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Distributor: Not Applicable

Classification: Objectionable.

Descriptive Note: Not Applicable

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Excisions: Not Applicable

Reasons for excisions:

Not Applicable

Summary of reasons for classification:

The computer image file entitled *boylove19.jpg* is classified as: Objectionable.

The publication promotes and supports the exploitation of children and young persons for sexual purposes. It contains a photograph of two children or young persons (their sex is unclear), naked and positioned as if engaged in sexual activity. The publication is clearly intended to be sexually arousing to persons with a prurient interest in children or young persons, and it serves to legitimise sexual activity involving children and young persons by presenting them as sexually active and as acceptable subjects for adult sexual gratification.

The Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 on the application of the classification criteria. The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the exploitation of children or young persons for sexual purposes.